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COLLINS CALLING

WHY I DID NOT PUT MY BOOTS ON

THERE HAS been a lot of talk, I know, about my getting my boots on and resuming as a player. And quite honestly, I would have been out there on the field many times if I had felt that my presence was going to help matters.

But supporters should appreciate that managing a club is not just a matter of turning up in the morning and drinking cups of coffee while the lads get out and train.

I will be perfectly honest and say that after some defeats I have not slept a wink. I have worried all night about what has been going wrong and

I am finding that management brings many duties and many worries, all of which are energy sapping.

how I could put things right.

With anxieties like the ones we have had, I could not contemplate going back as a player.

A footballer has to have a clear mind as well as physical fitness and I did not feel up to playing. If I had played I might well have caused a further deterioration in the side.

I feel convinced that I was the right thing by tackling our

problems from another angle. By negotiating with other clubs and players I feel that I have made a bigger contribution than I would have done by charging out onto the field in what would probably have been a vain attempt to sort things out.

END IN SIGHT

At least we have strengthened our squad now and the end of the bad times is in sight. Now, to turn to the future.

I have often been asked what are my reactions when I receive a big offer for one of our players. And please do not think that there are not one or two of our staff left who are attracting interest from outside.



Home thoughts from abroad

The Editor,
Sir,

HAVING attended for the second time only at Spotland for the Peterborough match and subsequently having read your very sensibly compiled and informative 'Date' I am prompted to offer an unbiased view.

Although living in the South I travel all over the country watching League Football and have in recent years seen Darlington fixtures at many grounds. It was last season's intriguing battle to avoid making and application for re-election which prompted me to make Rochdale an early port of call to see the progress being made to capitalise on that incredible escape.

Even though that peak has not been reached so far this term I hope that the Rochdale public will be patient and not forget the supreme effort that must have been made by every person connected with the club to preserve the priceless asset of representation in the Football League. I know how much work is put in by the few stalwart volunteers who are found even at the most humble clubs and it is a disaster if their efforts end in failure.

I have great respect for Peter Madden and his struggle to make something of Darlington - not without some success - and remember both him and your

Manager as fine professionals and club men. I am therefore sure that the club is in good hands and that progress will be continuous towards its re-establishment. It is a great deal easier to manage a club with large resources with the chance to attempt to buy success. The harder, and probably more rewarding task, is to succeed on meagre means by developing young players and sensible transfer market activity. The most important priority is to establish the right spirit throughout the club.

I hope that friendly atmosphere which seems to prevail will encourage the locals to give their support regularly, even if fortunes vary, which happens at all clubs. I shall watch your results with keen interest and will remember with pleasure my latest visit. Please convey to all your staff an outsider's best wishes.

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In an effort to improve relations with other supporters' clubs our soccer team has already played one friendly match against Port Vale supporters and two other games against Bradford City have been arranged.

Members are reminded that Sunday morning work still continues and new faces are always welcome to join the regular band of volunteers to continue with ground improvements.

DIARY DATES: The Supporters' Club will have a stall at the following programme of fairs:

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Finally, don't forget that Christmas is just round the corner. With this in mind, we have limited supplies of teddy bears and elephants in club colours which make ideal presents.

We have at least one player who could be in the £70,000 class and there has been some talk between Rochdale and another club about his future.

In the first place, it is hardly fair for any Fourth Division club to hold back a youngster with a good future. And for that reason I would allow a young player to move on.

£70,000

But there is more to it than that. What could I do with £70,000? Well, I could make a start by getting one or two players to improve the side. I know that you lose a player, but he could be replaced by a competent replacement at a reasonable price.

I am always conscious of the fact that one player or another could be moving on and I try to anticipate departures by signing replacements before they are actually needed.

Perhaps our supporters will find from this clue who is likely to be leaving us.

FINE PLAYERS

One thing is certain and that is that I will not allow a player to go until I have his position adequately filled. We have some exceptionally fine young players at Rochdale and my guess is that they will not all be here at the end of the season.

I know it seems hard to the fans when our best players go, but that they have to go is a fact of life among the lower divisions.

So many clubs have to survive on the sale of players and in many ways this applies to Rochdale more than most.

WELCOME

I welcome to the club our new signings. I think we were particularly lucky to get the services of my old pal from Burnley days, Colin Waldron. Colin is just the man

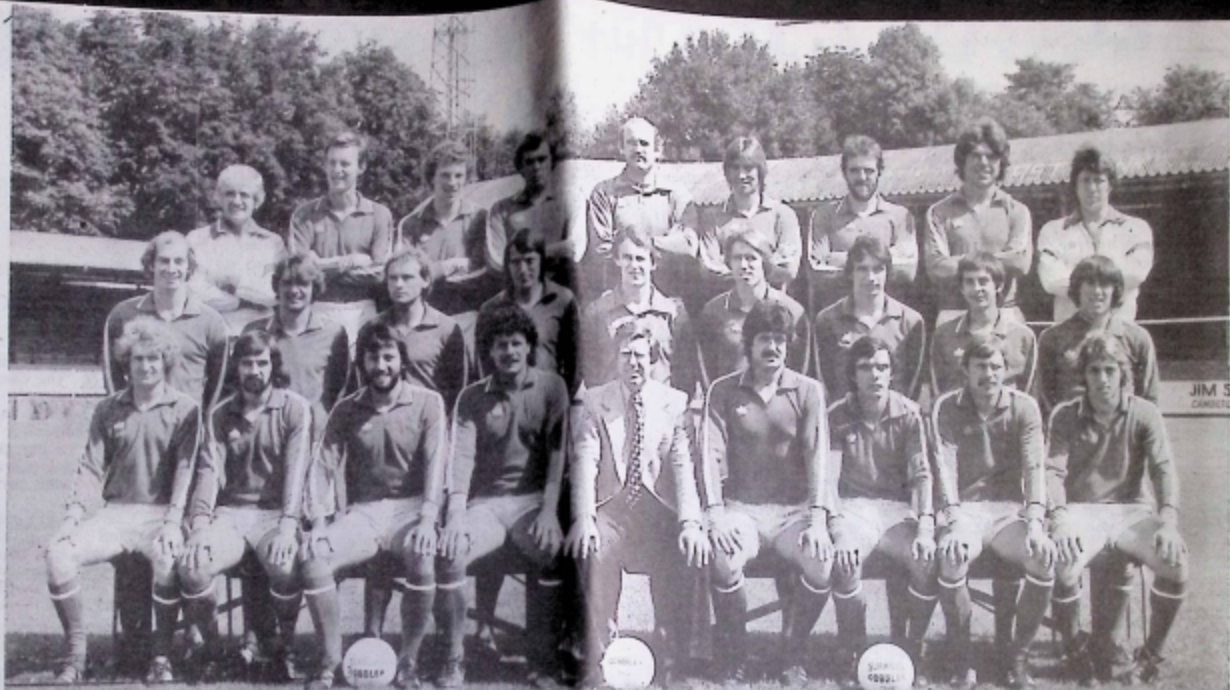
to strengthen our defence and I hope he will enjoy playing for us for a long time to come.

The same goes for full back Larry Milligan who has, I think, made quite an impressive start in Rochdale colours. I did want to sign Larry during the summer but the deal never happened for a variety of reasons. Anyway, we have got him now and with this defence there will not be any 5 goal disasters like the one at Port Vale.

I would like to thank the supporters who have stayed with us through a bleak period. I think that we have now turned to corner and I hope that the lost fans will soon be back along with thousands of others who have stayed away in recent years.



Aldershot are here



STAR VISITOR John the goal grabber

Rochdale fans must have turned green with envy at the exploits of Johnny Dungworth who became the league's most prolific goal scorer.

And he is at it again.

What would Rochdale give to have a marksman like Dungworth at the moment?

Johnny was on loan to Rochdale during Brian Green's stay at Rochdale and it is a source of sadness that we were never able to keep him.

Dungworth, a hard worker with the ability to place a shot rather than break the net, was with Oldham Athletic, Barnsley, Huddersfield Town and, of course, Rochdale before Aldershot snapped him up.

For the record, he scored 34 goals in League and Cup matches last season.

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MIDDLE ROW (Left to Right):
Alan Wooler, Steve Bambridge, Dave Tomlin, Dennis Longhorn, Ken Dodds, John Dungworth, Mark Sanford, Gareth Smith, Paul Hampshire.

BACK ROW (Left to Right):
John Anderson (Trainer), Adrian Green, Andy Needham, Murray Brodie, Glen Johnson, Alex McGregor, Nigel Edwards, Tommy Youlden, Dave Turner (Coach).

FRONT ROW (Left to Right):
Malcolm Crosby, Will Dixon, Peter Scott, Micky French, Tom McAnearney (Team Manager), Joe Jopling (Captain), Terry Shanshan, Dave Housitt, Brian Lucas.

THEY COME SHOOTING

THOUGH Rochdale and Aldershot seem to have little reason for having anything in common, the DALE and today's visitors are scarcely strangers to each other.

Dick Connor, the former Rochdale manager, joined Rochdale from Aldershot and, long ago, John Anderson, the Aldershot trainer, was an inside forward at Spotland for a few seasons.

Then, there is prolific goal scorer Johnny Dungworth who was on loan to Rochdale in the Brian Green era. John moved on to Aldershot last season and scored a total of 34 goals in 56 matches. He did not miss a league or cup match all season.

What could Rochdale do with a striker like that at the moment?

There has been other traffic between Rochdale and Aldershot, one notable man who has played for both clubs being striker Jack Howarth who, though not ever successful at Spotland, moved on the Aldershot where he began to score goals.

Most Rochdale fans will remember Tony Godfrey the goalkeeper who came to Rochdale in the Connor regime. Tony was one of the best Rochdale goalkeepers in post-war years. When he left Rochdale he had another spell with Aldershot. He will be remembered in Rochdale for numerous great saves.

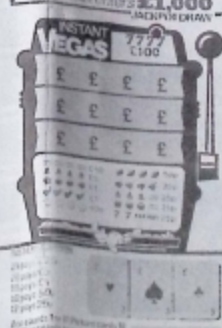
This term Aldershot are mid-table, but they look good enough for another assault on the top four positions.

They have a useful squad with plenty of goals coming in once again.

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A report by PETER NYLAND (15), of 43 Staney St Rochdale was considered best on the Halifax match. HERE IT IS:-

Rochdale 2 Halifax 2

IN AN exciting match Rochdale showed their character and fighting spirit as they battled back from 2-0 down to earn a draw.

Straight from the kick off Rochdale took the initiative. However, they failed to turn early dominance into goals. Halifax always looked dangerous going forward and until the 22nd minute the 'Dales' defence had dealt competently with the opposition's attack. Against the run of play Halifax broke down the right flank and a low shot by Paul Hendrie beat the Dale 'keeper, at the near post.

Rochdale's reply was to surge forward in search of the equalizer. But they were caught out again, as one minute later Peter

Burke eluded the Rochdale defence and slotted the ball into the net.

Despite being 2-0 down Rochdale kept their composure and were rewarded for their persistence by a 27th minute goal from Bob Scafe. In a goalmouth melee he rocketed the ball past the Halifax 'keeper, Micky Leonard.

The crowd urged Rochdale on as they strove for the equalizer. This came in the 44th minute, in the form of a penalty. Dave Esser seized upon a weak back pass in the Halifax area, but was dragged down by the goalkeeper before he could use the ball. Bob Hoy made no mistake from the spot kick.

The Dale carried on in the second half where they had left off in the first. It became a one-way game as the ball was constantly sent towards the Halifax

TWO TICKETS ARE ON THEIR WAY.

Do you know Law No.4?

Local Referee Mr. Steve Billington kindly sends us a quiz.

LAW FOUR describes players' kit, goalkeepers' colours and the type of studs to be worn on football boots. Try answering the following questions before reading the rest of this article.

1. Do players have to wear boots?
2. In cold weather, could a team play in tracksuit trousers instead of shorts?
3. What is the minimum diameter of a screw-in stud, and does this differ from the minimum diameter of studs moulded to the sole of boots?

4. Can goalkeepers wear black jerseys?

The answers to these questions may surprise you. The law does not insist that boots or shoes must be worn, but referees should not allow one or a few players to play without footwear, if the other players are wearing boots or shoes. (Law 4 - International Board Decision No. 2.)

Goalkeepers often wear tracksuit trousers in winter, but there is nothing to stop outfield players also wearing them. As the laws were written some fifty years ago, the wearing of tights is not mentioned.

A screw-in stud must be at least half an inch in diameter. Where ten or more studs are moulded to the side of a boot, the minimum diameter need only be three-eighths of an inch.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the teams, and from the referee. As referees tend to wear black, it is very unlikely that a goalkeeper would be allowed to wear a black jersey.

There are seventeen laws of the game, but now for a look at Law 18 - common sense. In a recent match between Rochdale Transport Club and Winfield at Springfield Park, the home team wore their usual red jerseys, with their goalkeeper in green. Winfield arrived in green - their goalkeeper wearing red. As it was a warm sunny day, not many players had brought tracksuits. Only a blue one proved useful.

The other goalkeeper went round the crowd, trying to borrow a T-shirt, but met with no success. Desperate for a solution, I allowed him to wear my spare black jersey - complete with Referees' Association badge.

Steve Billington.

THE JON

Like Walter he had to be a STRIKER

Chris
Jones

talks to
the
editor

Life is full of co-incidences.

It is odd that the idol of Chris Jones's young life was an Altrincham player also named Jones. And the Altrincham player was - like Chris - a striker.

The other Jones was Walter, the former Rochdale striker who moved to Altrincham in the 1950's and who was top goal scorer for Altrincham for several seasons.

Walter, still knocking about in his native Rochdale, switched to Rugby League and got as far as playing for Lancashire during his spell as a Rochdale Hornets wingman and second row forward.

And there the similarity ends.

NO RUGBY

You'll not catch me playing Rugby League says Chris who joined Rochdale midway through last season and who was one of the Trojans who helped Rochdale in their fight for survival

which has become known as "The Great Escape".

I can't claim that much credit, but I did help to dig the tunnel" says Chris, the man who never stops joking.

Chris has been around the football scene for a long time - 15 years. He joined Manchester City when he was 16, City sold him to Swindon four and a half seasons later at the relatively high price of £17,000. From Swindon it was to Oldham on loan, then he transferred to Walsall and then came his stay with York City with whom he moved into the Third and then the Second Division.

After spells with Huddersfield, Doncaster and Darlington Peter Madden bro-



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ght him to Rochdale where, despite his modesty, his goals were a vital factor in Rochdale's escape from the bottom four of Division Four.

"There are two things which have been the real highlights of my life as a footballer. Obviously, one of them was moving up with York City and I need hardly say that the other was helping Rochdale out of their troubles last season. Things like these make a footballer's life", he said.

LEADING

Almost always Chris has been his club's leading goal scorer and with just over 90 league goals to his name, his big ambition is to get his 100th league goal this season.

Let's hope he does it this afternoon.

Some of the earliest recollections are of his Uncle taking him to watch Altrincham.

"I used to think that Walter Jones was the greatest ever and I suppose he probably inspired me to become a professional footballer and a striker at that."

"I would not change anything that I have done. If you are dedicated to football, what else can you do but become a player? I intend to go on

playing until I'm 65 and then I'll consider coaching job".

Chris scored his first two goals as a professional footballer at Spotland. He was playing for Manchester City 'A' against Rochdale Reserves. And he rubbed salt into Rochdale's wounds three years ago by scoring twice for York City against the Dale.

But he has been forgiven.

In these days of big transfer fees Chris feels that he was born a little too early.

"When I was at City I found it hard living in the shadow of people like Francis Lee and Mike Summerbee."

MAKE A LOT

"Nowadays players seem to make a lot out of moving, but I'm not complaining. I'm doing well enough", he said.

He rates York and Rochdale as the happiest clubs for which he has played.

In fact he liked York so much that he settled there. He and his wife Therese run an hotel there, the Saxon Hotel, in case you're thinking of going to York for your holidays.

He met Therese when he was on holiday in Malta and they

were married ten years ago. They have a daughter, Sheridan.

He hopes to finish his playing days with Rochdale and then he would like a job in coaching or management.

Chris is another of those sportsmen who could have been a success either as a cricketer or a footballer. In the summer he plays in the York League and has a batting average of 75 this season.

"I'm not a big hitter, I'm just cautious and terrible to watch. Compared with me Geoff Boycott is another Gary Sobers", he said.

There is a player profile in every issue

WHEN CROWDS WERE CROWDS

30 YEARS AGO 10 YEARS AGO

October 15 1949 saw us going down to a second-half goal by BILL BAINBRIDGE before a 10,000 crowd at TRANMERE in Division Three (North). Teams: BELL: Williams, Watlock, Bainbridge, Mackay, Eastham, Wood.

ROCHDALE: Churchill, Rothwell, Hubbick, Wood, Deyburgh.

At the top of our Division two PETER DOHERTY goals earned Doncaster a 2-1 win at Mansfield while Crewe 5-1 with GLADSTONE GUEST getting a hat-trick.

Peterborough maintained their position at the top of Division One with a 3-1 win over Derby while Manchester Mitten netting twice. On the same day England beat MILBURN.

Tranmere were again our opponents in a Third Division match on October 17 1969 and this time we beat them 4-1 with goals from DENNIS BUTLER (2), TONY BUCK and REG JENKINS and the teams were:

ROCHDALE: Harker, Smith, Ryder, Leach, Parry, Ashworth, Whitehead, Rudd, Buck, Jenkins, Butler.

TRANMERE: Thomas, Poinson, Dempsey, King, Knapp, (Stanton), Brodie, Matthias, Scott, Smith, Beamish, McNamee.

We were now third in the Third Division, three points behind Luton (2-1 winners at Brighton) and one point behind Barnsley, who dropped a point at home to Southport.

Everton continued to run away with Division One, two two goals by JOE ROYLE helping them to a 5-2 win over Stoke that kept them six points ahead of their nearest rivals, neighbours Liverpool.

PETER BONETTI (left) playing today for Dundee United set up a new Chelsea appearance record in their 2-0 win over W.B. Albion.

20 YEARS AGO

After beating Gateshead 2-0 in midweek with goals by COOPER and ANDERSON we repeated this highly satisfactory scoreline against Hartlepool on October 17 1959 with STAN MILBURN and ANDERSON the men on the mark.

ROCHDALE: Jones, Edwards, Powell, Thomson, Milburn, Bunby, Barnes, Cairns, Anderson, Cooper, Collins.

HARTLEPOOL: Oakley, Anderson, Cameron, Robinson, Atkinson, Johnson, McKenna, Scott, Smith, Clark, Dunn.

We were in Division Four at the time where the pace-setters Walsal (3-0 at Workington) and Notts County (4-2 at Doncaster) continued to romp ahead.

First Division leaders Spurs went down 2-1 at Sheffield Wednesday, enabling Wolves to draw level on points with them after a 3-2 win over Manchester United.

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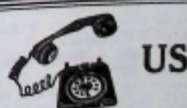
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CENTRE ROW: (Left to Right)

Joe Hinnigan, Jeff Wright, George Urquhart, Nigel Hart, Neil Davids, John Curtis, Frank Corrigan, Peter Houghton, Dave Fretwell, Kenny Banks (Trainer).

BACK ROW: (left to right)

Noel Ward, Ian Purdie, Derek Brownbill, John Brown, Bob Ward, Kevin Smart, Mike Quinn, John McDermott

Welcome to Spotland and welcome to the League

Tonight we welcome Wigan Athletic the "Babes" of the Football League for the second time in recent years.

After the last encounter when we shared the points we must agree that Wigan is an asset to the Football League and we must say that, like Rochdale, they are in a false position in the Fourth Division League table.

Their long and arduous efforts to become established as a league club were justly rewarded when they were admitted and we can only admire the state of

their ground and the possibilities which it holds.

We wish them all the luck in the world as a League club, but, judging by the state of affairs at Springfield Park, they are not going to need luck. They will do it all themselves.

Wigan have kept a nucleus of players from their non-League days and among them Peter Houghton, top goal scorer, is making an impression at the moment.

They paid East Fife £15,000 for centre back Colin Methven and another Scot in the side is George Urquhart who comes

from the far North of the Highlands.

On the Wigan books is former Rochdale goalkeeper Chris Schyne, but goalkeeper Chris is out of the side with a broken wrist. Two other Wigan stars are out with broken legs - Ward and Curtis.

And Rochdale will remember Tony Quinn, the youngster who saved a point for his side when the sides met two weeks ago. Quinn was playing his first full game with the side and who could have wished for anything better than a goal to improve the occasion.

CLUB COMMENT

The League should spread out, says the Editor

In the absence of Commercial Manager Jack Butterfield who is enjoying (we hope) a well earned holiday, the Editor takes over.

It was an eye-opener to me to visit Wigan Athletic a couple of weeks ago. I was more than impressed by the quality of their ground and the possibilities which it has.

I marvel that clubs like Wigan should have this long despairing wait to get into the Football League.

There are more clubs than Wigan with ambitions and it seems that it is the loss of the Football League that they should not be afforded league status.

Clubs like Oxford, Cambridge, Hereford and Wimbledon all had to fight long and

hard battles to get into what is often a closed shop.

Conversely, I feel the Football League has lost something by voting out clubs like Barrow, Southport, Gateshead and the others.

These are all good clubs which had hit temporary bad patches and which would have recovered in time.

With so much demand for league pla-

ces, why cannot some scheme be devised to give hope to struggling clubs in the league and ambitious ones who are out of it?

The obvious answer is an expansion of the league to a fifth division and that could mean what it says.

Or it could mean regional Third Divisions for the North, Midlands and South.

It is worth thinking about and it could bring about a better league with better prospects, higher hopes and less wastage of good progressive clubs like Wigan and the ones who have not yet made it.

TED WAS THE ORIGINAL ROCHDALE COWBOY

When Goodier was in the saddle

In all my years of watching Rochdale I have seen managers come and go. I have seen hard ones, soft ones, comedians, selfish ones, purists, competent, incompetent. I have seen the lot.

That might sound disrespectful, coming from the dressing room, but it should be remembered that only the best people get nick-names and, beneath his abrasive tongue was a man who was good enough to deserve one.

TALL

On football's shifting managerial sands they have come and gone almost as regularly as the swallows, but of all the managers I have known at Rochdale none has left a bigger impression than the first one I knew - Ted Goodier.

I am old enough to remember him, but young enough to have been blessed by him week by week for what I have written about his team and about him.

Ted was seldom known as 'The Boss', but as 'The Cowboy'.

It is not difficult to imagine why the nickname. Ted had a lantern jaw, was over six feet tall, wore a kind of stetson hat

and he always looked as if he should arrive at Spotland on horseback rather than in that little Austin A40 which looked two sizes too small for him.

People who knew Ted well must still have a smile or two about the things he used to say and do.

After someone had missed a penalty in a Saturday match he called the whole team in on Sunday morning for lessons in taking spot kicks. He arrived an hour late, put the ball on the spot and, without even taking his hat off, took a shot at goal.

His shot went over the top and he said, "Now that's just how you lads have been doing it and now I'll show you how you should take them".

This time his shoes slipped in the mud and he fell on his back and got up saying, "Class dismissed, but anybody who laughs stays here for the day".

Once he called me into his office and blasted me all over the walls for something I had written. In the middle of it all he said, "Let's have a bottle of beer" and I thought I had escaped.

We drank our beer on

good terms and when we had finished it he started off again, worse than before.

He told one goalkeeper, "You couldn't stop a pig in a ginnel. You'll not play again, not even for the Salvation Army".

He knew his way around football too. He brought some great players to Spotland. Ted was in the saddle when Rochdale reached the third round of

the F.A. Cup only to be beaten by Charlton and then Chelsea and it was during his reign that Rochdale had its record 24,000 crowd.

TALK

The walls of those old wooden dressing rooms used to vibrate in 'Tom and Jerry' fashion when Ted went in for his halftime 'pop' talk.

Still, it didn't do much harm. Rochdale were usually well up in the league table and on one memorable occasion they almost made Division LL.

Goodier's association with Rochdale began in 1939 when he came as a centre halfback. He was with Rochdale longer than anyone had ever been before and when he left some of the fun went from the Spotland scene.

He was around in football for a year or two after that. I remember that he was manager of Oldham Athletic for a short while.

But even Ted could not endure for ever. He died a few years ago and left behind him a number of players who settled in Rochdale and none of them will remember him without a smile or two about "Old Ned".

At least two notable members of the Goodier era are still in Rochdale. Les Bywater and Walter Birch are still around town.

Les, who fractured his skull in a match at Gateshead just after the war, recovered well enough to become a police officer in Rochdale. His last game for Dale was the one in which they beat Blackpool at Boundary Park to win the Lancashire Cup.

We all know Bywater coaches - well that is Les.

The last I heard of Walter Birch was that, sad to say, he was working for the Inland Revenue in Rochdale. Walter, a Yorkshireman from Sheffield Wednesday, must have been one of Rochdale's most dependable players ever.

J.H.

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1979	Date	Opponents	F.A.	Gate
Aug	11	Set Blackpool L.C.1 (1L)	A	1-3
	14	Tues BLACKPOOL L.C.1 (2L)	H	0-1
	18	Sat AFC BOURNEMOUTH	A	0-2
	20	Mon Stockport County	A	2,310
	24	Fri HARTLEPOOL UTD.	H	1-1
	29	Sat League Cup 2 (1L)	A	1-0
	31	Fri Darlington	A	2,180
Sept	5	Sat League Cup 2 (2L)	A	1-3
	8	Sat WALSALL	H	1-1
	15	Sat Torquay United	A	0-3
	18	Tues Halifax Town	A	2,434
	22	Sat PORTSMOUTH	H	1-3
	26	Sat League Cup 3	A	2,390
	29	Sat Port Vale	A	2,423
Oct	2	Tues HALIFAX TOWN	A	1-5
	6	Sat York City	H	2,408
	9	Tues STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	2,359
	12	Fri PETERBOROUGH UTD.	H	2,462
	20	Sat Crewe Alexandra	A	0-1
	24	Wed Wigan Athletic	A	2,307
	28	Fri NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	1,704
	31	Sat League Cup 4	A	1-2
Nov	3	Sat A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	1-1
	6	Tues WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	2100
	9	Fri ALDERSHOT	A	5063
	17	Sat Hereford United	A	
	24	FA CUP 1		
	30	Fri Scunthorpe United	A	
Dec	5	Fri League Cup 5	A	
	7	Fri DONCASTER ROVERS	H	
	21	Fri Huddersfield Town	A	
	26	Wed LINCOLN CITY	A	
	29	Sat Hartlepool United	A	
1980	1	Tues Bradford City	A	
Jan	4	Fri NEWPORT COUNTY (3)	H	
	11	Fri DARLINGTON	A	
	16	Sat League Cup Semi-Final	H	
	19	Sat Walsall	A	
	26	Fri Tranmere Rovers (4)	A	
Feb	1	Fri TORQUAY UNITED	H	
	9	Sat Portsmouth	A	
	13	Sat League Cup Semi-Final	A	
	15	Sat PORT VALE (5)	H	
	23	Sat Peterborough United	A	
Mar	1	Sat CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	
	8	Sat Northampton Town	A	
	14	Fri YORK CITY	A	
	15	Sat League Cup Final	H	
	22	Sat Aldershot	A	
	28	Fri HEREFORD UNITED	H	
	1	Tues Huddersfield Town	A	
April	5	Sat Lincoln City	A	
	7	Mon BRADFORD CITY	H	
	8	Tues		
	12	Sat Newport County (S.F.)	A	
	18	Fri SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	
	26	Sat Doncaster Rovers	A	
	2	Fri TRANSMERE ROVERS	H	
May	10	Sat FA CUP Final		

WATSON	17
HALLINGS	5
SNOKES	12
WEIR	17
BANNON	16
TAYLOR	17
HOY	17
WANN	14
HILDITCH	17
MCDERMOTT	4
O'LOUGHLIN	11
OLIVER	1
JONES	13
SCAIFE	10
ESSER	11
HART	11
CLIFF	5
MILLIGAN	3
WEIR	3
JONES	4
ESSER	2
WANN	1
HOY	1
SCAIFE	1
MCDERMOTT	1

A RECENTLY issued catalogue from a well-known programme club offered for sale a number of items from the end of last century. Several of these featured the famous amateur club Corinthians and were put up for offer, the highest bidder, by a certain date, gaining them.

A minimum price of £25 is usually placed on such items and some of these might well fetch as much as £50 each. Clearly the people bidding for them will be those who cherish programmes for their antique value rather than for any information they might contain since they are advertised as single card issues with lists of teams, referees, etc. and with space left for the score to be written in.

The fact that the games involve teams no longer in existence enhances the antique element though it cuts out collectors who concentrate on past issues of their favourite club.

There was in fact just one present day club featured in one of them, Millwall playing what appeared to be a friendly game against N.L. Jackson's XI at Essex Cricket Ground Leyton. Corinthian also seem to have played on that ground as well as at Queen's Club.

Even these general facts tell us something about the early history of the game in as much as there were far more multi-purpose grounds around and it seems quite likely that in some instances not only the same stadium (if that is not too lofty a term) but even the same stretch of grass was used for football in the winter and cricket in the summer.

Thus whilst we may regret that such early programmes carried very little information (the earliest programme notes seem to date from around 1900) even single card issues do seem to breathe something of the atmosphere of those early days.

Have any of our supporters here today seen a pre-1900 programme? Write in and tell us about it if you have.



The dirty dozen

Rochdale has one match winning side - the Supporters' Club. In a recent match they won 12-4 at LENNY BARN.

This magnificent win is watered down a little for they were playing THE LADY MEMBERS.

Rochdale

- 1 IAN WATSON
- 2 EDDIE CLIFF
- 3 JOE MILLIGAN
- 4 ALAN WIER
- 5 COLIN WALDRON
- 6 BRIAN TAYLOR
- 7 DAVE ESSER
- 8 DENNIS WANN
- 9 MARK HILDITCH
- 10 CHRIS JONES
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Wigan

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- 2 DAVE FRETWELL
- 3 JOE HINNIGAN
- 4 TOMMY GORE
- 5 COLIN METHUEN
- 6 NEIL DAVIDS
- 7 FRANK CORRIGAN
- 8 GEOFF WRIGHT
- 9 PETER HOUGHTON
- 10 TONY QUINN
- 11 GEORGE UROUHART
- 12 ALAN CROMPTON

SPOTLIGHT on the REFEREE

Mr G Courtney -
[County Durham]
Started refereeing in 1962 and has progressed through the Auckland District League, Wearside League, Northern League and the Football League line to the full list. In 1977 he refereed the F.A. Trophy final; in 1978 was referee/linesman in U.E.F.A. International Youth Tournament and in 1979 he refereed Republic of Ireland v West Germany and was senior linesman for a European

Nations Cup match and a pre-Olympic qualifying match. Spent four months refereeing on the North American Soccer League Circuit. A member of F.I.F.A. panel of referees. He is a married man and deputy headmaster of a primary school. He is actively connected with many sports and keeps fit playing league squash, golf and cricket.

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5. PAUL BENNETT
6. JOE TOPLING
7. MAL CROSBY
8. MURRAY BRODIE
9. MICK FRENCH
10. ANDY NEEDHAM
11. ALEX MCGREGOR

SPOTLIGHT on the REFEREE

Mr Terry Farley
[County Durham]
Took up refereeing after playing junior football. Progressed via North Regional and Northern Leagues to the Football League full list. Lined the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley in 1975, a Football League Cup and Anglo Italian Tournament ties. Also the Scotland v Peru international.

He is married with two sons. His job is accountancy assistant of the Football League Referees' and Linesmen's North East section and the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association. He is Sports Editor of Aycliffe Community Radio.

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